Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Government will be prepared to discuss the matter.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri North).*—Will it be a white elephant for Mattancheri to spend one lakh of rupees when the Harbour is finished and Cochin becomes the Queen of the Arabian Sea?

Male Hospital—Mattancheri—completion of.

18. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder** *(Jews-Special).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the very long delay in completing the Male Hospital in Mattancheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—The construction of the main building was started in November last and will be completed by December 1936. There is no delay in the execution of the work.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special)* .—When does the Government propose to open it to the public?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—The construction will be completed within four months. As soon as the construction is over, it will be opened.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special)* .—Will it be in January?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—No.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*—We find that it is to be completed in December.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—The building will be completed in December. It will take another four months.

First bridge—Ernakulam-Hill Palace road—widening of.

19. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the deepening and widening of the first bridge on the Ernakulam-Hill Palace Road was recommended as an essential piece of work to prevent floods in the adjoining wet lands;

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